

HOUSE No. 959

By Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen, petition of Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to require school supervisory personnel to obtain criminal offender record information on employees of school departments. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION CHECKS ON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 38R of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—
4 The school committee and superintendent of a city, town or
5 regional school district shall have access to criminal offender
6 record information of any employee of the school department,
7 including, but not limited to, teachers and principals. Said school
8 committee and superintendent shall obtain all available criminal
9 offender record information periodically on each such employee.
10 Such access shall be exercised in accordance with sections 167 to
11 168, inclusive, of chapter 6. A school committee and superinten-
12 dent which obtains information under this paragraph shall prohibit
13 the dissemination of such information for any purpose other than
14 to further the protection of the school children.